IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Jonnie R. WILLIAMS)
Serial No. 09/397,018) Group Art Unit: 1731
Filed: September 15, 1999) Examiner: M. Colaianni
For: Improved Method of Treating Tobacco to Reduce Nitrosamine Content, and Products Produced Thereby) Atty. Dkt. No.: 04859.84703))

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 1, 2000, for which a one month extension is requested, extending the period for response up to and including September 1, 2000, please enter the following amendment and reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the following remarks. A check for a one-month extension (\$55 - Small Entity) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account 19-0733 for any additional fee required or if an overpayment of fees is made.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 4, 10, 14-19, and 21-52 without prejudice. In claims 2, 11, 12, and 13, at line 1 of each claim, please change "claim 1" to --claim 53--. Please add new claims 53-68 as follows.